(c) These clusters are to be removed. However, the New Delhi Municipal Council has informed that residential accommodation will be provided to the slum dwellers before the clusters are removed.

Repair of bridge on pilgrims yatra route to Amarnath

2418. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bridge on yatra route of the holy Amarnath cave in the Pahalgam area of Anantnag district in South Kashmir was blown up by militants;

(b) whether the same has since been repaired/reconstructed to facilitate pilgrims' yatra; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be reconstructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per the available reports, on May 24, 2005, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast took place under the bridge at Sadoopadaw, Police Station Pahalgam, Anantnag (Jammu and Kashmir) and due to this blast an iron bridge on Lidder river got damaged. The bridge was, however, repaired within seven days.

Assistance for flood affected areas

2419. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of compensation and assistance so far provided to flood affected areas in the country during last three months; and

(b) the details of the various places in the country which did not get this help from Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) As per the existing scheme of financing Relief Expenditure, the State Governments concerned are responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities, including floods, out of the corpus of the